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1. MONTREAL'S GAZETTE PREDICTS TRUDEAU'S THEME IN WASHINGTON
WILL BE TO STRESS CANADA'S ROLE AS INTERNATIONAL POWER RATHER
THAN EXAMINATION "USUAL SHOPPING LIST OF CANADA-U.S. PROBLEMS."

2. IN FEB. 18 EDITORIAL, GAZETTE STATES THIS THEME NOT ONLY
SUITS CANADA'S "AFFINITY" FOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES BUT ALSO
"BECAUSE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED BY A SECESSIONIST
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN QUEBEC CAN ONLY GAIN FROM DEMONSTRATING
THE FUNCTIONS IT PERFORMS ON BEHALF OF ALL CANADIANS IN WORLD
AFFAIRS."

3. EDITORIAL FULSOME IN PRAISE TRUDEAU FOREIGN POLICY. TRUDEAU
"GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OVERCOMING THE
RESISTANCE OF FRANCE, THE INDIFFERENCE OF OTHERS, TO FORGE AN
ECONOMIC ACCORD WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS
TENDED TO TAKE CANADA AS A SIDEKICK OF THE UNITED STATES. WITH
THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT FORD, MR. TRUDEAU BROUGHT CANADA--AGAIN
OVER THE RESISTANCE OF FRANCE--INTO THE SUMMIT ECONOMIC COUNSELS
OF THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES: THE U.S., JAPAN,
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WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, BRITAIN AND ITALY. PRESIDENT CARTER
HAS RENEWED THAT SUPPORT, ASSURING CANADA A PLACE AT THE NEXT
SUMMIT."

4. THE PAPER ADDS: "CANADIAN EMPHASIS ON DISARMAMENT IN FOREIGN
POLICY FITS HAND-IN-GLOVE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW INITIATIVES
AGAINST NUCLEAR MILITARY SPREAD. CANADA'S STANDARD-

SETTING PERFORMANCE IN DEVELOPING THE LAW OF THE SEA AND CONCEPTS OF OCEAN MANAGEMENT COMPLEMENTS THAT OF THE U.S., THOUGH RAISING PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION ALSO."

5. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: "MR. TRUDEAU NEED MAKE NO SPECIAL PLEA. HE CAN LEAVE IT TO HIS AMERICAN AUDIENCE TO JUDGE WHETHER CANADA, ON BALANCE, IS NEIGHBORLY IN PURSUING ITS INTERNATIONAL GOALS. HE CAN LEAVE IT TO HIS CANADIAN AUDIENCE TO JUDGE WHETHER CANADA COULD HAVE ACHIEVED AS MUCH IN THE PAST, OR COULD ACHIEVE MORE IN THE FUTURE, AS TWO SOVEREIGNTIES RATHER THAN ONE."

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